

Pappas Telecasting Companies' 'donation' of \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates in certain areas abuses its privileged, free-of-charge access to the public airwaves.

Voters should be offered genuine debate -- not disingenuous offers to "purchase" an equal amount of response time.

Pappas uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. They know this, as is evidenced by a statement on their website. Pappas' actions are legally questionable and cast doubt on whether Pappas truly intends to serve the public interest. Their actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Further, they show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than just a returned postcard. Thank you.